Sometimes a Poet Sang

Exhibition of Handmade Books and Prints by Shirley Jones

Catalogue of Work

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SHIRLEY JONES

Born in the Rhondda Valley, in South Wales, Shirley Jones originally graduated in English Literature and taught for seven years before becoming an art student. After following courses in sculpture, etching and lithography, she was accepted as a graduate student in advanced printmaking at Croydon College of Art. It was during this period that she began writing creatively.

Since setting up her own print studio in 1977, she has written, illustrated and printed, on handmade paper, small editions of highly personal books and produced several portfolios of prints combined with text.

The books sell mainly through Bertram Rota and Basilisk Press of London, and the Oxford Gallery, Oxford to libraries, colleges and private collectors in the U.K. and abroad. Two were selected for showing at the Open & Closed Book exhibition at the Victoria & Albert Museum.

Group shows include the Curwen & Morley Galleries in London, and the Printmakers' Workshop, Edinburgh. She has held one-man shows in Croydon, Rye, Viersen (West Germany) and Brussels, but this is her first London exhibition.

A collection of her poems, Out of the Sun, has been published privately in a signed edition of 500, her short stories, Nocturne for Wales, in a signed edition of 200.

The Same Sun A portfolio of 9 etchings and 9 poems by the artist on J. Green mouldmade paper in Bodoni typeface. Presented in a drop-back box covered in sage green cloth, blocked in gold. Size 16″ × 18⅛. Published by the artist in 1978 in an edition of 25.

Price: £190
Individual prints: £40

Rhymes for our Times An oblique look at traditional nursery rhymes, with complementary colour prints, using a variety of techniques. Printed in Caslon typeface on J. Green mouldmade paper and bound by the artist in blue leather and printed cotton, with Japanese end papers. Size 14″ × 16″. Published by the artist in 1979 in an edition of 25.

Price £200
Individual prints £40

Backgrounds 10 etchings and 10 poems set in Bodoni typeface on J. Green mouldmade paper. Bound in brown leather and crash canvas with hand-marbled endpapers and matching slip-case. Published by the artist in 1979 in an edition of 25. Size 14″ × 15″.

Price £200
Individual Prints £40

Greek Dance 5 etchings and a poem set in Caslon typeface on J. Green paper. Presented in a dark blue slip-case gold-blocked from an etched plate. Size 15″ × 17″. Published in 1980 by the artist, in an edition of 40.

Price £190
Prints sold only in pairs £75

Sun Flower, Rain Flower, Pale Morning Star Triptych of colour etchings on J. Green paper presented in specially designed three-panelled box of crash canvas with Americana paper lining. Size 18″ × 21″. Produced in 1980 in an edition of 50.

Price £160
Individual prints £40

Nocturne for Wales 5 etchings on Barcham Green handmade paper. The editions is limited to 70 of which the first 20 are presented in a portfolio of crash canvas lined with Americana paper. Each print is enclosed in a folder of green Artlaid paper with a fold-over pocket to house one of the five accompanying short stories written by the artist about her childhood in Wales. The stories are printed on cream Artlaid paper with Americana covers to match the portfolio lining. Size 17″ × 20″. Produced in 1981.

Price £260
Individual prints £40
Sets of short stories £5

Suite for North Wales Set of 5 colour etchings on Barcham Green handmade paper in an edition of 50. Produced in 1982.

Individual prints £40

Scop Hwilum Sang Six colour etchings illustrating translations by the artist of Anglo Saxon poems set by her in Baskerville typeface on Barcham Green handmade paper. The edition is limited to 50 of which the first 25 appear as bound copies. Size 12″ × 14″. Published in 1983.

Price; bound by Denise Lubett (by order only): £1,000
bound by Shirley Jones: £425
Unbound; £350
Individual Prints: £40

Out of the Sun Collection of poems which have appeared in the hand-made books, published in an edition of 500.

Price £2.25

The prices quoted for prints do not include the frames.

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